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1. Location

In the western section of DNEPROPETROVSK (34°59'E/48°27'N), Ukrainian SSR, about three thousand feet from the Dnepr River, parallel to its southern bank.

2. Installations

a. The plant area is 2½x1 miles, and is surrounded by a board fence. The blast furnace plant with two furnaces in operation and two more under construction was farthest west. To its north was the open-hearth plant built by German P.s in 1945. The power plant, which was expected eventually to supply the entire plant was still under construction. The newly constructed sheet-metal mill was operating to capacity. The main department is the "Kelsobalkan" rail and girder mill, composed of four large workshops in one block. The department had a long train of rollers, composed of seven sets of rollers set side by side. Foundations for large machines were under construction in another section of this department. The third section was not yet equipped, the fourth was a mechanical shop for the construction of the plant, a brick and steel structure.

b. Excavation work was under way at a site 1,800x1,200 feet east of the "Kelsobalkan" plant. According to Soviets, a Mannesmann tube and pipe plant was scheduled to be erected there.

c. Spur tracks run along both sides of the plant installations. They are being expanded. In some places, the factory has double and even quadruple tracks.

d. A new road to DNEPRODZERZELINSK was under construction north of the second factory spur. A section about 3,000 feet long and 25 feet wide had already been paved.

e. A large workshop was being equipped on the other side of the road, about in line with the sheet-metal mill. It is part of an automobile plant. Source has not been inside this workshop.

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f. For plant installation, see Annex.

3. Work Force

No details available.

4. Production

Sheet metal and corrugated sheet iron.

☐ Comment:

a. Although this report does not furnish a clear picture of the group of iron and steel plants northwest of DNEPROPETROVSK, it is useful in several respects.

(1) The statement regarding the location of the Petrovka Plant, south of the road and railroad line to DNEPRODZERZ L'NSK, agrees with previous information. Although no factory is shown there on the military town plan of DNEPROPETROVSK of November 1941, an aerial photograph taken in 1943 clearly shows industrial installations there. The attached layout sketch corresponds roughly with a raw sketch attached to a previous report.

(2) The data on the Kelsobalkan Plant is of particular interest. According to source, it is part of the Petrovka Plant, although other sources believed it to be an independent plant. The available data on the location of this plant do not entirely agree. It seems certain from this report that the Kelsobalkan Plant (contrary to previous reports) is not immediately east of the Molotov Plant, which is north of the railroad line.

(3) The "automobile plant" reported to be north of the railroad line is undoubtedly the Molotov Plant, on which several reports have been received. According to other sources, hoisting equipment and truck mountings are produced there, which may have led source to believe an automobile factory was there.

b. It is known from other sources that one of the largest iron and steel plant of European Russia is in DNEPROPETROVSK. The location of this plant, called "Metallurgicheski Zavod Petrovski", had not previously been known. The size of this plant and the name Petrovski make it seem possible that all iron plants in the area northwest of DNEPROPETROVSK, the Molotov, Kelsobalkan, and Petrovka Plants, are part of this large Petrovski Plant, which is still being expanded. Because of its relatively small size, the Petrovka Plant cannot be this Petrovski Plant.

c. Further information is required for an accurate picture of the situation and for the locations of these various plants.

1 Annex: Petrovka Plant in DNEPROPETROVSK

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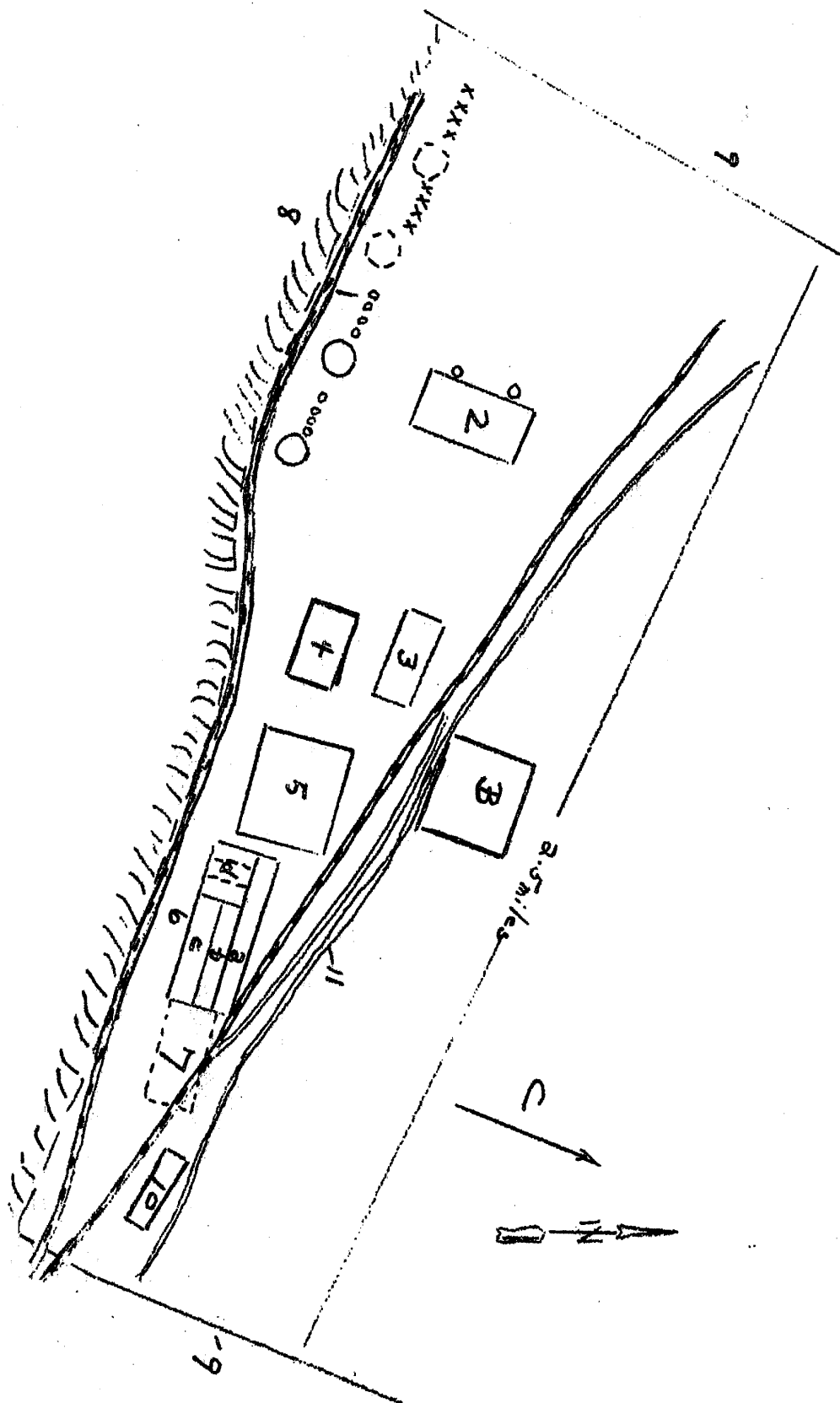
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